

VCU students take to Hanover's airwaves

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A student-run station at Virginia Commonwealth University has teamed up with the Charlottesville-based radio station that took control of Ashland's local FM signal in February to offer WHAN's listeners more live programming during the week.

With this partnership, WVCW, the City of Richmond-based station, is currently responsible for providing 32 hours of programming from 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Monday through Thursday and on Fridays from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. And, WTJU, which is owned by the University of Virginia, will continue to air their programming on 102.9 FM during daytime hours.

Before WVCW hopped on the FM signal during the first week of March, the station's listeners could only tune in online. Heather

Hudgins, the station's general manager, said they will still do online programming and will offer music and other shows 24-7, but she and the rest of the staff at the studio, which is located on Broad Street, are excited about getting their programs out to a wider audience via 102.9 FM.

"I think it's a nice way to show that we can handle being on an FM station," Hudgins said.

Reached by email, Nathan Moore, the general manager at WTJU, said last August he got to know some of the managers at WVCW while he was trying to unite college and community radio stations around Virginia to try to "pursue business sponsorships," but that did not pan out. However, last October while Moore was in the area learning more about WHAN,

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WVCW Programming Director Darnell Myrick in the radio station in downtown Richmond near VCU's campus. WVCW is responsible for providing WHAN with 32 hours of programming a week. (Contributed photo)

Randy Sherrod, a board member for education activist organization, Friends of Hanover Schools.

Sherrod specifically expressed gratitude for the recent addition to the introduced spending plan of a 2 percent salary increase for teachers and school-based employees, which would be given to individuals based on their performance in

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Council considers \$13.1M budget

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A cost-of-living increase might be in store for all town employees as part of Ashland's fiscal year 2016 budget.

At council's April 7 meeting, Town Manager Charles Hartgrove introduced the \$13,091,149 budget proposal, which breaks down into

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colitis. The main reason they said

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